

Cookbook of Activities for Driver Education

MT CURRICULUM GUIDE

M 6

Objective: Practice A Mental System for Managing Space & Time

INGREDIENTS

Paper and Pencil

INSTRUCTIONS

Divide the class into groups of five

Each group list 5 examples of

- Search
- Identify
- Predict
- Decide
- Execute

After the activity, lead a discussion on responses.

NOTE: This is a good time to reinforce the six zones around the vehicle

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Objective: Calculate Distance Traveled at Various Speeds

INGREDIENTS

Calculators
Paper/pencil
WORKSHEET #

One mile = 5,280 feet.

$5,280 \text{ feet} \div 60 \text{ min} \div 60 \text{ sec} = \text{feet traveled}$
(1.467 feet per second)

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following formulate to calculate the distance a vehicle travels at various speeds.

Part I Assign students to calculate distance traveled for:

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| 25mph (37 feet per second) | 55mph (80 feet per second) |
| 35mph (51 feet per second) | 65mph (95 feet per second) |
| 45mph (66 feet per second) | 75mph (110 feet per second) |

Part II Calculate the following story problems

John travels to school every day averaging 30mph. (This time does not account for any stops, delays, etc., which does not typically occur!) He travels 6 miles one way. How long does it take him to get to school?

- $30\text{mph} \times 1.467 = 44 \text{ feet per second traveled}$
- $44 \text{ feet} \times 60 \text{ seconds in a minute} = 2640 \text{ feet per minute (1/2 mile)}$
- $6 \text{ miles} \times 5,280 \text{ feet (mile)} = 31,680 \text{ feet in 6 miles}$
- $31,680 \text{ feet (6 miles)} \div 2640 \text{ feet (minute)} = \text{Takes 12 minutes for 6 miles}$

John is late one day and speeds up to 40mph. How much time does he save?

- $40\text{mph} \times 1.467 = 58.5 \text{ feet per second traveled}$
- $58.5 \times 60 \text{ seconds} = 3510 \text{ feet per minute}$
- $6 \text{ miles} \times 5280 = 31680 \text{ feet in 6 miles}$
- $31680 \text{ feet} \div 3510 = 9 \text{ minutes}$

He may get there 3 minutes earlier, if he doesn't get stopped by law enforcement in which case he will really be late! He would benefit by not leaving for school late.